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**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K Srinagar**

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| 8. Addl. PCCF/Director, Environment Ecology & Remote Sensing, J&K             | Member                |
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| 10. Dr. G. A. Bhat (Environmentalist)   | Member (Non-Official) |

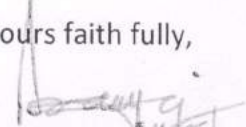
No: PCCF/FCA/2680/2871-89  
Sub: 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee, the J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997.

Dated: 24/05/2018

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 16.05.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, J&K Government.

Yours faith fully,

  
(Abdul Gani), IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)  
Member Secretary  
Forest Advisory Committee

**Copy alongwith minutes for information and necessary action to the:**

1. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. Power Development Department, J&K Civil Secretariat Srinagar.
2. Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PW (R&B) Department J&K Civil Secretariat Srinagar.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
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7. Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Kashmir
8. Chief Engineer, PDD Jammu.
9. PPS to the Chief Secretary, J&K Government for information of the Chief Secretary J&K Government.

**MINUTES OF THE 107<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B. B. VYAS, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 16.05.2018**

The 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. B. B. Vyas, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Government, at Civil Secretariat, Jammu on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

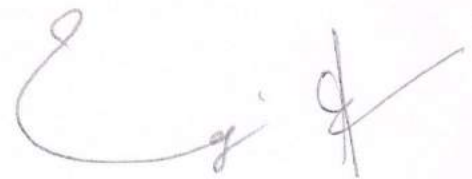
Following members of the Committee and Special Invitees attended the meeting:

**(I) Members (FAC)**

1. Sh. Saurabh Bhagat, IAS Commissioner/ Secretary to. Govt. Forests, Department, J&K.
2. Sh. Ravi Kumar Kesar, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF)/ Chief Wildlife Warden J&K
3. Sh. Manoj Pant, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K
4. Sh. P. K. Singh, IFS PCCF/ Director, Soil & Water Conservation, J&K
5. Sh. O.P Sharma, IFS Addl. PCCF/ Director, Environment and Remote Sensing Department, J&K
6. Sh. I. A. Wani Director Budget, Rep. Principal Secretary, Finance Department, J&K
7. Sh. Pardeep Kumar Special Secretary Planning Dev. Department Rep. Principal Secretary Plg & Dev. Deptt. J&K
8. Sh. Surat Singh Addl. Commissioner (Central) Revenue Rep. Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K
9. Dr. G. A. Bhat Member (Non-official)
10. Sh. Abdul Gani, IFS Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee

**(II) Special Invitees**

1. Sh. Hirdesh Kumar, IAS Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. Power Dev. Department, J&K.
2. Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. PW (R&B) Department, J&K
3. Sh. S. P. Manhas Chief Engineer (PMGSY), Jammu
4. Sh. Javid Iqbal Tara Superintending Engineer, Srinagar Rep. Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kashmir.

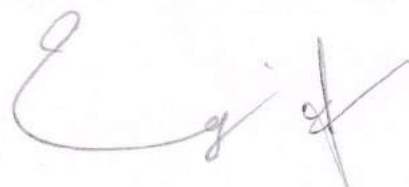




The item wise agenda of various proposals from the indenting agencies for diversion of forest land for non forest proposes under Forest Conservation Act was presented by Abdul Gani, IFS, Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee in the meeting and the following decisions were taken:-

| Agenda No | Proposal   | Decision  |
|-----------|--|---|
| 107.01    | Proposal to allow use of <b>0.18 Ha.</b> of forest land for widening of road Kachnambal to Wangath viz Baba Nagri by PMGSY in Sindh Forest Division.   | The proposal was <b>deferred</b> . The User was advised to revisit the proposal to reduce felling of trees to bare minimum.   |
| 107.02    | Proposal to allow use of <b>2.973 Ha.</b> of forest land for construction of road from Juthal to Manoh in Jammu Forest Division by PMGSY.  | The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda.   |
| 107.03    | Proposal to allow use of <b>8.287 Ha.</b> of forest land for construction of road from Dubigali to Nali-Nikka in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.  | The proposal was <b>deferred</b> . The user agency was asked to get social audit of the proposal conducted through Central University Jammu within three months. The requirement of road and its proposed width shall be looked into alongwith its expected impact on the environment.  |
| 107.04    | Proposal for diversion of <b>22.302 Ha.</b> of forest land for 36 No. Tower location for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Grid Station Katra to Gran (Reasi) for Konkan Railways by PDD in Reasi Forest Division. | The proposal was approved in principal with following conditions:<br>i) User Agency shall adopt lopping of trees and number of such trees be intimated.<br>ii) Bare minimum felling of trees as per requirement/need within corridor be proposed and their number intimated. The information be placed in the next FAC for its appraisal. |
| 107.05    | Proposal to allow use of <b>1.65 Ha.</b> of forest land for construction of road from Mankal to Mudva (Nildori) in Langate Forest Division by PWD (R&B)  | The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions as laid down in the agenda.   |

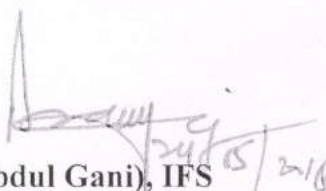
After clearing the above proposals (**except 107.01, 107.03**), the status of deferred cases was placed before FAC under agenda No. **107.06**. While deliberating on deferred



cases, Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) advised that such type of issues which need attention of the FAC should be flagged in the beginning of the agenda. The following decisions were taken:

- i) The proposals which stand deferred earlier by FAC, with certain observations need to be responded to by the User Agency **within 45 days** failing which the indent shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- ii) The indent once placed should be followed by user agency with Forest Department and process completed **within 3 months**. If the process isn't completed within the stipulated time, the indent placed shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- iii) The user agencies shall appraise FAC status of sanctioned cases. Two such cases shall be placed before the FAC in its every meeting.
- iv) The FAC be kept informed with regard to outstanding amounts with user agencies on account of previously sanctioned cases.
- v) Social Audit be got done in select cases through reputed agencies and action taken/status report be presented before the FAC.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Abdul Gani), IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)  
Member Secretary,  
Forest Advisory Committee

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